me wish to serve and honour you. May I hope that you will look favourably on the step I have taken in begging the Emperor your father to intrust your happiness to me ? May I flatter myself that your approval will not be wholly determined by duty and obedience to your parents ? If only Your Imperial Highness will manifest some little partiality for me I am determined, by making it my constant effort to please you in all things, to succeed in making myself agreeable to you sooner or later; that is my object, one for which I beg the favour of Your Imperial Highness.

March 4th. (To the Deputation of the Senate.) Senators, lam touched by the sentiments you have expressed. The Empress Maria Louisa will be a tender mother for the French Nation, and in so doing will make my happiness. I rejoice that Providence has called me to reign over this loving and responsive Nation that I have ever found so faithful and so good to me through the events of my life.

llth. (To Fouche".) I had told you to prevent the newspapers from writing about the Empress Josephine, yet they do almost nothing else: to-day again the *Publidste* is full of it. See to it that the papers to-morrow don't republish the *Publiciste's* news.

16th. (To Champagny.) Make up the courier's bag for St. Petersburg. Inform the Duke of Vicenza that the grievances of Russia appear ridiculous to me; that he must talk to the Emperor straight; that the Emperor does me an injustice in believing that there was a double negotiation; that I know enough not to have done such a thing; that it was only when it became clear that the